

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 9, 18, 20 have been amended. Claims 2-7, 10, 11, 13-17, and 19 were previously presented. Claim 12 remains unchanged.

Claims**Objections**

Claims 8, 9, 18, and 20 are objected to because of informalities in the claims. Claims 8, 9, 18, and 20 have been amended to correct the informalities. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the above remarks.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Sawahashi et al. (5,774,494) in view of Demir (2005/0163266). Under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the references must expressly or impliedly suggest the claimed invention or the examiner must present a convincing line of reasoning as to why the artisan would have found the claimed invention to be obvious in light of the teachings of the references (MPEP § 706.02(j)).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations similar to those of allowed claim 15 and should therefore be allowable for those reasons as well as for the additional recitations contained therein. Therefore it is respectfully proposed that the rejection for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is overcome. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 in view of the above remarks.

Claims 2, 8, and 9, being dependent on amended claim 1, should therefore also be allowable for the reasons stated above, as well as for the additional recitation contained therein. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in view of the above remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully note that claims 10-17, and 19 were deemed to be allowable. Further, applicants respectfully note that claims 3-7 were deemed to be

allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Additionally, applicants respectfully note that claims 18 and 20 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections indicated above.

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's agent at (317) 587-4027, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due other than the fees discussed above. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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